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# Sun Gods and Jaguar Kings

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None required for this lesson.

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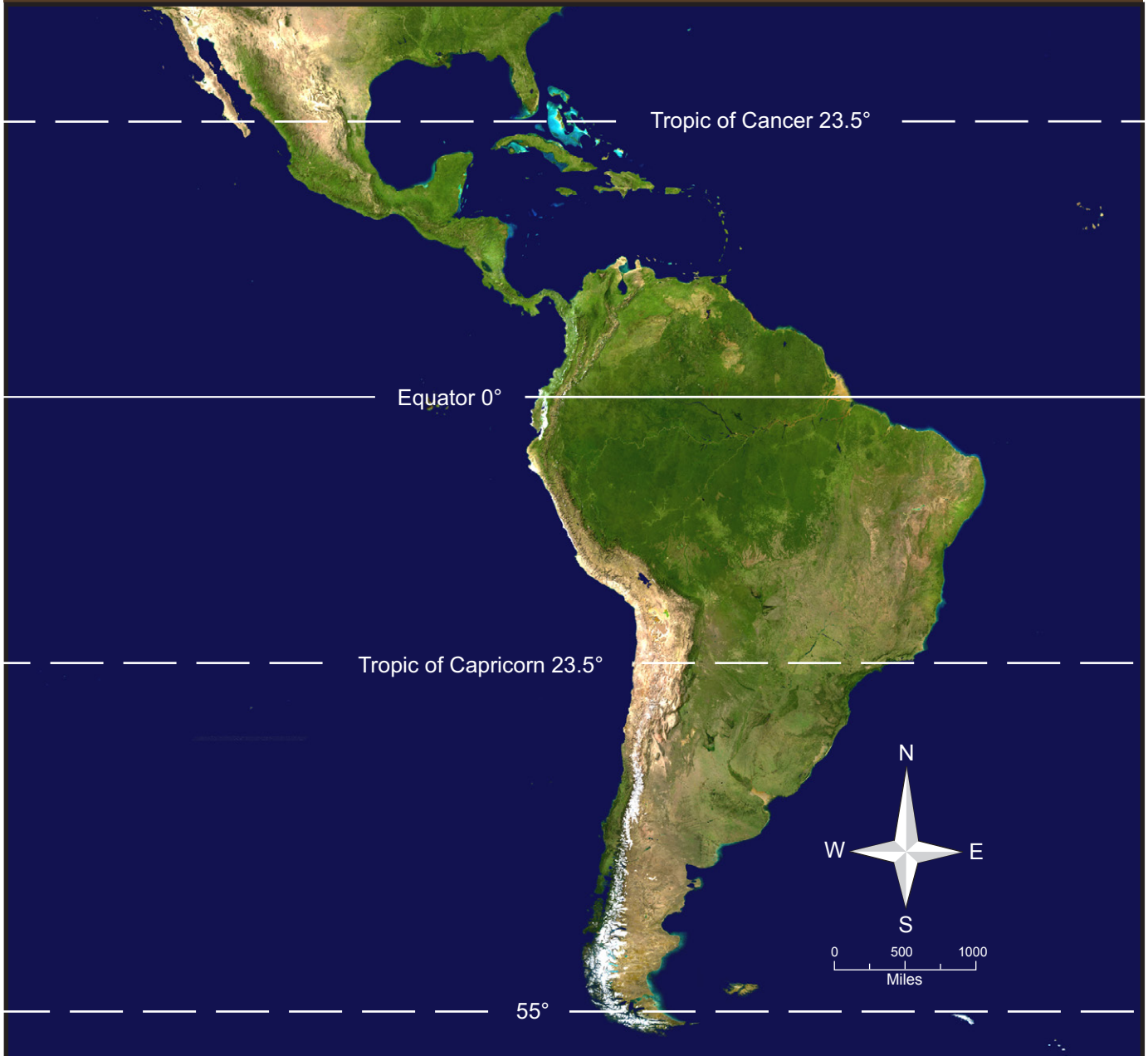
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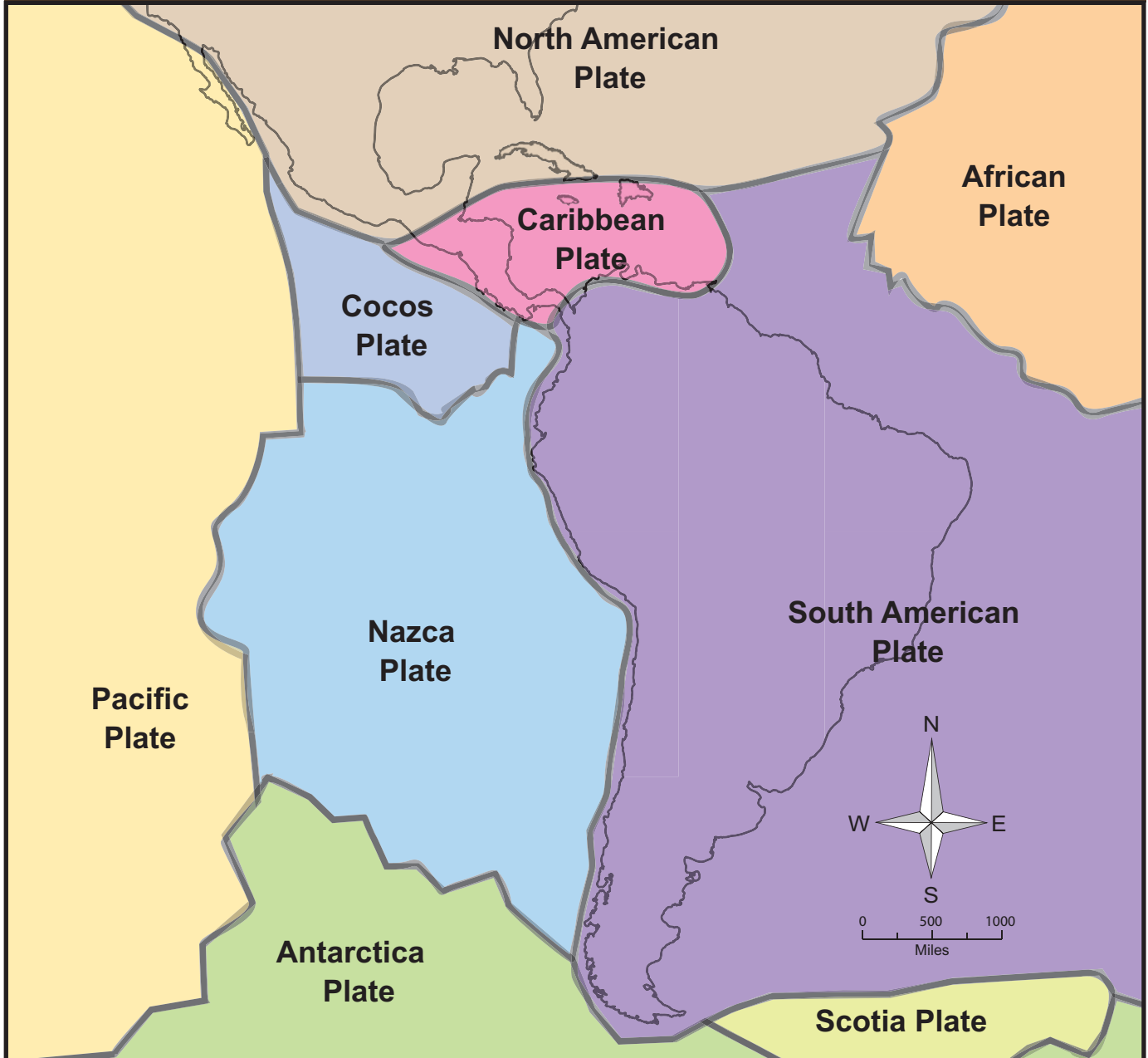


## VA #1 Political Map of Latin America



## VA #2 Satellite Image of Latin America



**VA #3 Tectonic Plate Boundaries of Latin America**

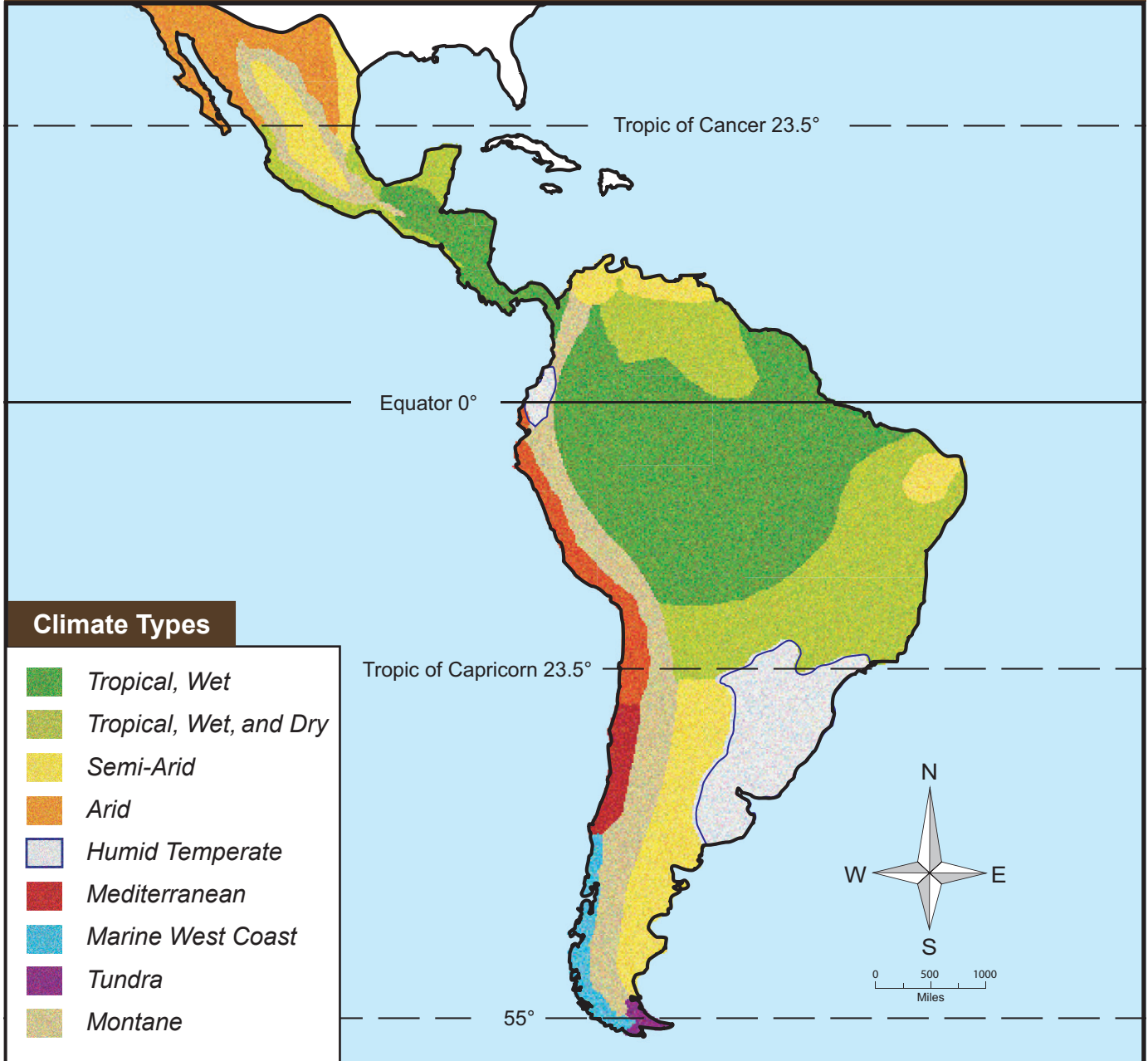


## Map Key

**VA #5 Altiplano Facts****Landform****Altiplano****Description**

This high plateau sits in the central Andes, at 11,000 feet (3,353 meters) above sea level. This area was once covered by a vast inland lake. It is now covered with a dense grassland that holds the fragile soil together with deep roots. The grass turns the bright, high-altitude sunshine into energy. Animals, such as llamas and alpacas, which produce highly valued meat and wool, eat this grass.

## VA #6 Climates of Mexico, Central America, and South America

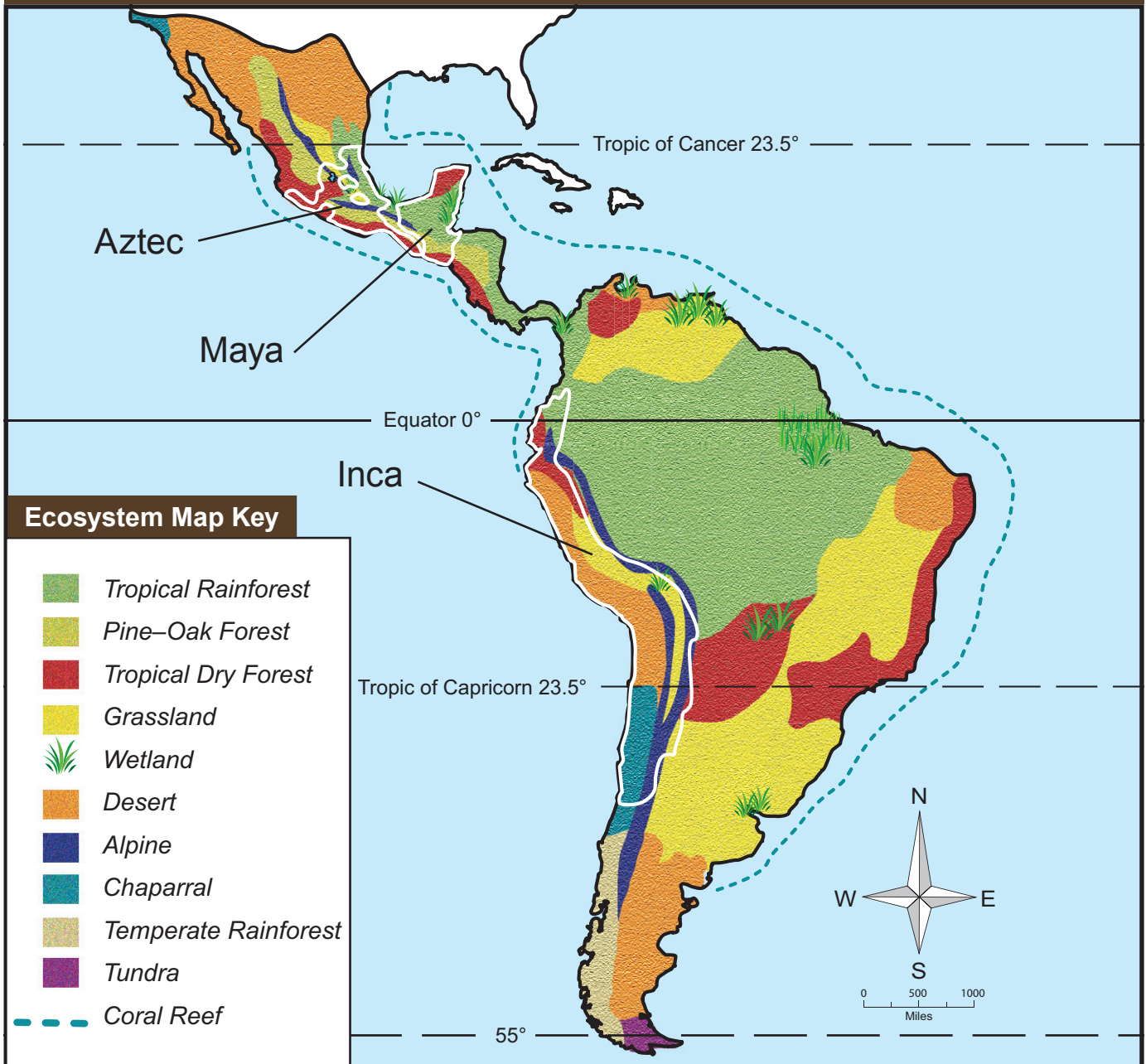




## VA #7 Ecosystems of Mexico, Central America, and South America



## VA #8 Maya, Inca, and Aztec Regions—Ecosystems





## VA #9 Soil Retention





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## VA #12 Provinces of the Aztec Empire





## VA #13 Key to Tribute Records

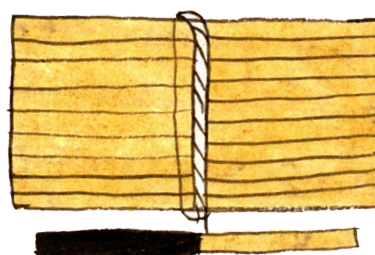
### Agricultural Products



Bin of Corn



Bin of Beans  
and Amaranth

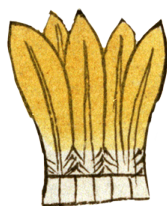


Tobacco Smoking Sticks

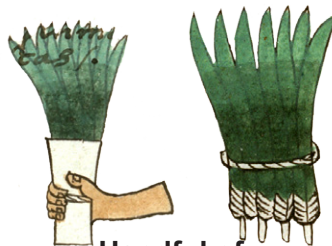
### Other Natural Products



Little Handful  
of Feathers



Large Handful  
of Feathers



Handful of  
Quetzal Feathers

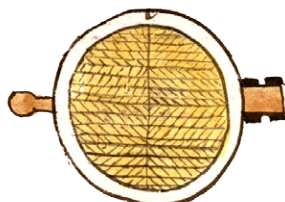


Large Bundle  
of Feathers

### Valuable Rocks, Minerals, and Other Items



Bundle of Lime



Obsidian War Club  
and Wooden Shield



Copper Axe



Lip Plug of Gold/  
Precious Stone

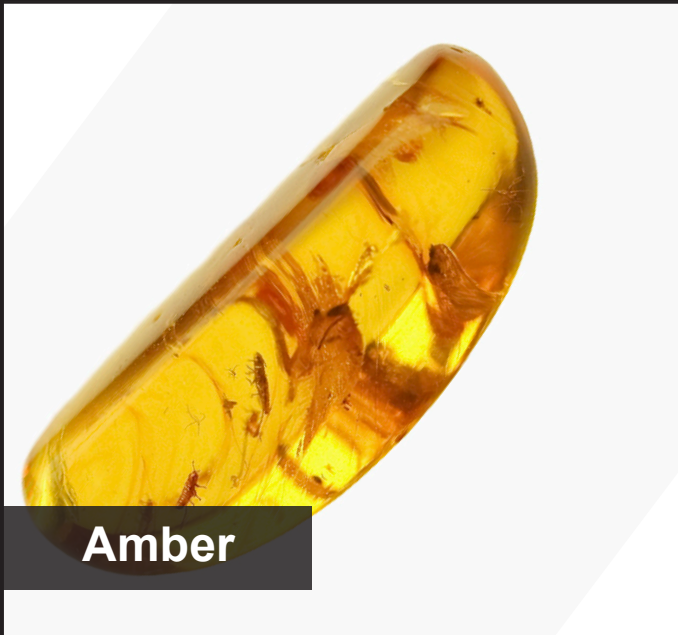
## VA #14 Examples of Aztec Tribute Items



**Cotton**



**Cacao Beans**



**Amber**

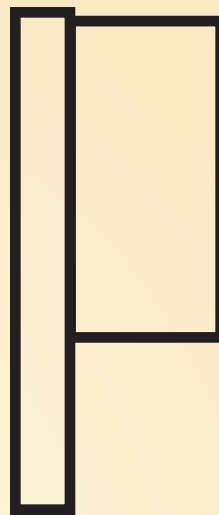


**Quetzal Feathers**

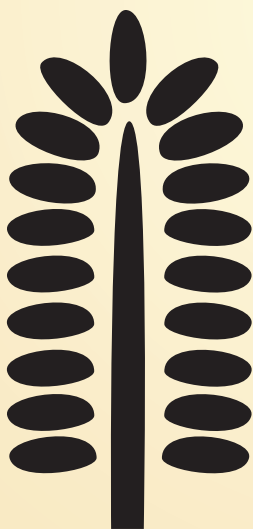
## VA #15 Aztec Numbering System



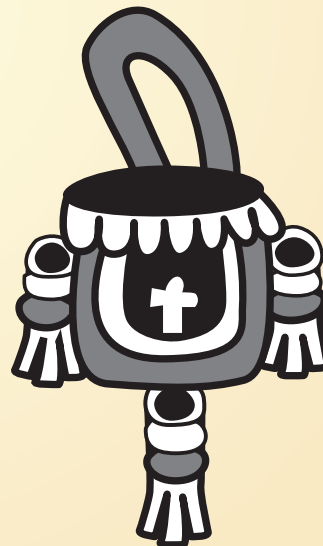
Dot = 1



Flag = 20



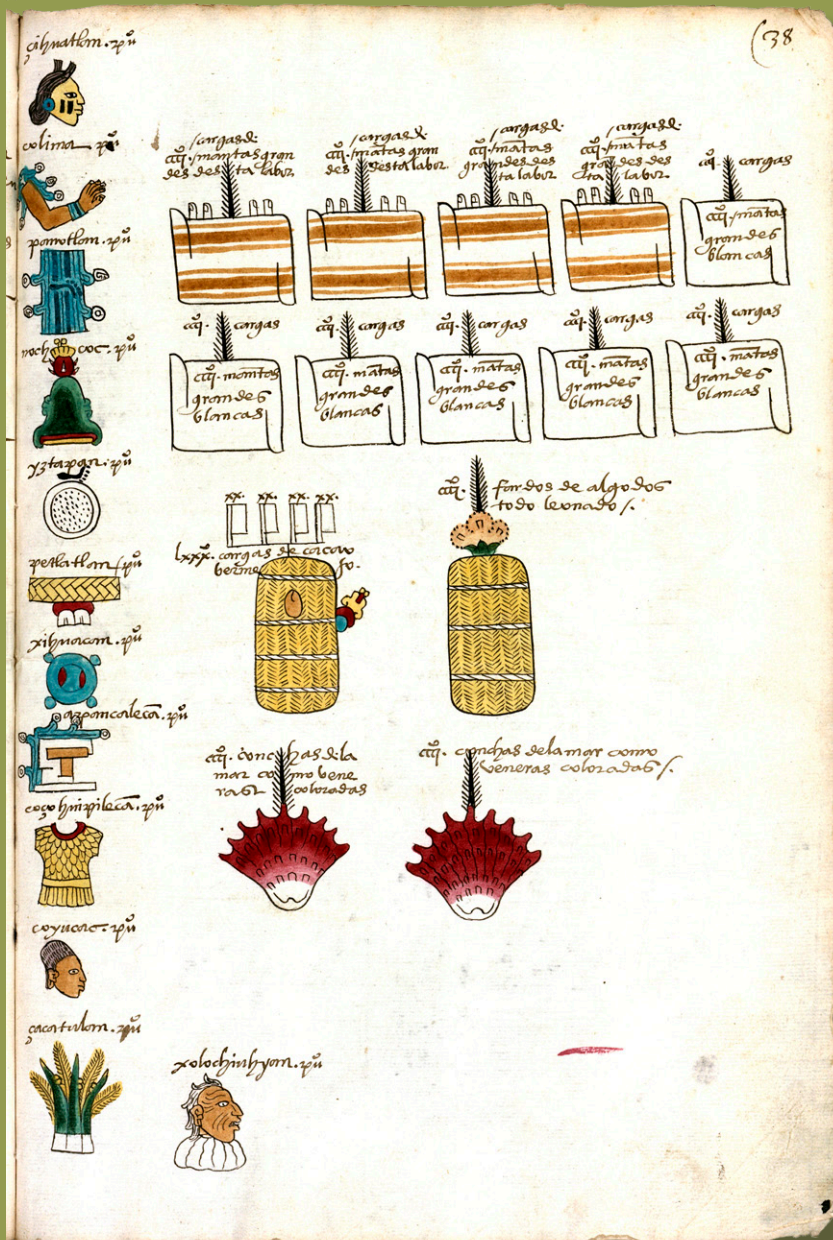
Feather = 400 (20x20)



Incense Pot = 8000 (20x20x20)



## VA #16 Cihuatlán Province Tribute Record





## VA #17 Tepecuacuilco Province Tribute Record



## VA #18 Tributes Paid by Five Aztec Provinces

### Province 1: Cihuatlán

- 400 bundles of red cacao
- 80 bundles of cotton
- 800 red spiny oyster shells

### Province 2: Tepeyacac

- 12,000 bundles of cane
- 4,000 bundles of lime
- 800 deerskins
- 8,000 tobacco smoking sticks
  - 1 wooden carrying frame
  - 1 obsidian war club
  - 1 bin of corn
  - 1 bin of beans

### Province 3: Tochtepec

- 2 gold headbands
- 2 gold beads
- 3 large green stones
- 7 strings of green stones
- 40 lip plugs
- 4 large bundles of feathers
- 8,000 little handfuls of blue feathers
- 8,000 little handfuls of red feathers
- 8,000 little handfuls of green feathers
- 100 pots of liquidambar resin
- 200 bundles of chiles
- 16,000 balls of rubber

### Province 4: Xoconochco

- 2 strings of green stones
- 800 large bundles of blue feathers
- 800 large handfuls of red feathers
- 800 large handfuls of green feathers
- 800 large handfuls of yellow feathers
- 160 blue cotinga bird skins
- 800 little handfuls of quetzal feathers
- 2 lip plugs
- 200 bundles of dried chiles
- 40 jaguar skins
- 800 bowls for drinking cacao
- 2 large pieces of amber

### Province 5: Tepecuacuilco

- 100 copper axes
- 1,200 gourd bowls
- 200 jars of honey
- 400 baskets of refined white copal incense
- 8,000 baskets of unrefined black copal incense
- 1 bin of corn
- 1 bin of beans and amaranth



## VA #19 Tenochtitlán











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